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Ms. Wallman & Mr. Wilhelm:

The Interoperability Subcommittee considered a number of issues at its final meeting on July 16, 2003 in Washington, DC and offers the following information on recommendations for consideration by the NCC Steering Committee.

At the NCC's last meeting, you were presented with recommendations on issues surrounding standardized channel nomenclature and expansion of the SIECs to include all public safety bands. Included in these recommendations was a request to rename the SIECs to Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee to be more inclusive of all agencies in the state. Additionally, we noted that the FCC's Rules need to clearly define the role of the state as one of *coordination and management* of the SIEC, rather than control of the interoperability channels. Finally, the Rules needed to require that the SIECs, or RPCs where no SIEC is formed within a particular state, be inclusive of representatives from all public safety disciplines at all levels of government, should they desire to participate, and that meetings must be open to any public safety representative who desires to attend.

At Mr. Wilhelm's request, we have prepared Document IO-0017B-20030716 that takes these recommendations and provides specific recommended wording that the Commission could use should it choose to implement these changes. We have also included language for Items #5 to #7 addressing the final three issues decided by this Subcommittee at yesterday's meeting:

1. SIEC name, structure and expanded authority
2. Channel nomenclature standardization for all-band interoperability
3. Standardization of interoperability restriction footnotes in FCC Tables of Allocation
4. Requirement for statewide all-band interoperability plans
5. Expanding channel display references to 8 characters to include the new I/O channel names
6. Requirement and timeframe for manufacturers to incorporate I/O channel names in programming software
7. Requirement for inclusion of the ANSI/EIA/TIA 902 series 50 kHz wideband data interoperability mode in most wideband data equipment

Consensus was reached unanimously on Items #5 and #6. On Item #7, consensus was reached with only DataRadio (a manufacturer of radio modems and associated equipment and software) objecting.

We again strongly urge the Steering Committee to reiterate its support for the issues of expanding the role of the SIECs to include all FCC-designated interoperability channels in all public safety bands, and supporting the mandatory designation of interoperability channel names for use on designated interoperability channels.

Sincerely,

John S. Powell, Chairman  
Interoperability Subcommittee